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THE BENEFIT OF CHANGING

A BLIND struggle against adversity can only have the effect of ensnaring us deeper in it. Why. Because we are nowhere, at no time isolated individuals, so that the more moves we design, the more acts we embark upon, the more counter-moves and re-actions will come back to us and hit us. This is a quizz question for your parlour game: What is the one absolute impossibility for you as well as for God? To be truly isolated. You can remove, but not isolate yourself. The Ineffable One, the Insoluble Mystery is removed but not isolated from us. If God were isolated we would not exist.

Go into the street and perform. Within no time there will be reaction. Take yourself away from friends & family - they will seek you out and spoil your private pleasure. Sit down in a desert cave with miles of nobody around, and your every thought will produce a ripple in the ocean of thought energies. Someone is bound to intercept it and, maybe, even act upon it. We are cast out into the ocean of life and here we swim in the medium that is particularly life's own: our actions, movements and pressures in it are transported, transplanted, transformed almost without end. We are interconnected, interrelated, interdependent units from one end of the world to the other. We are components of a developing mass of living, active beings. We are all together, a whole. This whole is an active unit in its own right, moving in the sea of space. It takes effect, seeks balance, progress, elevation. And we all are caught up in its process of finding equilibrium within its own forward movement. As there can be no equilibrium until its highest destination is reached, we, its tiny parts, are subjected to going through every one of the movements and stations conceivable. This we do in the course of many a life span. In one of them we are "up", in another one "down". "What is my burden is another one's joy". Losses here are Gains elsewhere. Follies bring Advances and Laughter follows Tears. Oppression begets Freedom, Bad works Good. We have no power to change life's stream as such yet are not too weak to change, within it, ourselves. Changing ALONG with it, not AGAINST it makes for a better character.

It will take you life times to learn to master yourself but only weeks to notice the first little success once you have started to change yourself, consciously. This will make you happy within. And quiet and modest, without.

A new phase in UFO propaganda (bringing the facts before the people) is characterized by the increased activity of lecturers on national and international tours. In USA, men like George Adamski, Majors Keyhoe and Aho, Reinhold Schmidt (Nebraska contacts) & George van Tassel are widely known; in France authors Jimmy Guieu and Aimé Michel win fame; good friend Karl Veit, of Germany, is criss-crossing the continent with his slides. Our Brazil liaison man W Bühler and author George H Williamson have just returned from Europe, and GA's coming world tour is expected to be equally a success.

While all can be assured of our full support as gentlemen & sincere public speakers we have our reservations with some of them as thinkers - notably Van Tassel, Williamson and Veit who lean exclusively or heavily on the Psychic Messages sector in UFOlogy. They carry controversies into the open which have hitherto been raging only within the closed ranks of 'saucer'-dom. They are prompted by their convictions. But so are we by ours: that wise and advanced beings do not give information by psychic messages!

To warn a still ignorant public that here lure the pitfalls of delusion and worse, is not only our good right but a responsibility and duty!

IT IS a generally acknowledged fact that while all men are equal as human beings they differ in intellectual and spiritual development. Intelligence and spiritual force are present in all of us but their degree of manifestation varies from one individual to the next. This contains no value judgment, as the number of degrees is innumerable. Who may say he knew them all, elevating himself as absolute arbiter over the worth of any one person?

When viewing intelligence in individuals it is not enough to mark the differences of faculties in them. The whole set of circumstances which were responsible for bringing that intelligence out to its present particular stage must be taken into account. An average Kalahari bushman is a highly intelligent person within the life frame of his circumstances while he may be less bright in any other. A metropolitan townsman may have passed his matric with honours, yet this does not necessarily qualify him as much should he have to integrate himself with the brahmanical class of India. Intelligence tests try to disregard those potential differences in stages of development and to find reliable factors common to all intelligences.

One of the basic determining factors however, is undoubtedly what is called the capability of adaptation (whereby it is true that this one just as any other capability can be exercised, or neglected; rapidly changing circumstances may bring out a quality of adaptation in oneself, while others need not). Never-

theless, a bushman would be the more acceptable the easier he adapted himself to any new surroundings, and so would the matriculant with the Brahmins. In these instances, both would be rightly called intelligent.

We have to bear these introductory considerations in mind when dealing with the theme of this little sociological study. The 'man in the street' is no fixed entity. He denotes a conglomeration of souls in various stages of intellectual and spiritual development. Though usually the man in street of a particular nation or civilization is meant, here now the picture has widened into a global one, because UFOs are a new facet in the life environment of all the people in the world! Men in the Street include every citizen of this planet, Kalahari bushmen as well as 4 Fidshi people who got stopped in their dug-out by a UFO out on the sea between 2 islands. Man in the Street includes learned & educated as well as unrefined people.

Though representing a conglomeration Man in the Street then is no synonym for 'the masses',

especially with that connotation of the 'blind' masses. We connect Man in the Street (consisting of people of every race or creed, occupation or social standing, age or political status) with the idea of his having a capacity to judge and to form an opinion, which we deny a blind mass. It is therefore the Citizen of this Planet, capable of using his mind, who is confronted with the phenomenon of the UFOs, it being immaterial whether a given individual has already seen one, or not. Every single citizen is a potential observer of UFOs - dates when, being a minor issue.

As phenomenon, the UFO presents itself to all in basically the same manner - as unusual appearance to which we have to react. UFOs hold no appeal for 'blind masses' as they do not affect man emotionally (or only vaguely so). Unless, of course, man himself reads into them attributes like threat, attack or danger, and unless the craft on their part display hostility - which is unproven so far - there is little reason why masses should panic at all! It is worthy of note that in our time space craft have nowhere appeared over masses of people in a way to deliberately draw attention! It is interesting too that in the majority of cases where "hundreds" of people did have reason to look up (sightings at Farmington, USA, Bogota and in India) more craft than 1 or 2 showed up; they rather came in whole formations. No panicking has been reported with these sightings! It is next to their wireless sets, when mistaking a play for reality, that people startle with panic.

So to repeat: the individual Citizen of this Planet as a human being possessing intelligence, and no matter in what stage of manifestation, is confronted with the UFO, either by way of an own sighting, or factual reports from others. If we remember from our introductory remarks that, as far as this extraordinary event of UFO appearances to the Man in the Street goes, there is no other frame of reference than the manner in which he adapts himself to this situation, then we can Approach - November, 1958

make some interesting observations. Three stages of adaptation may be discerned.

(1) Man in the Street sees UFOs or learns about them - be the witness housewife or tradesman, physics professor or Eskimo. The reaction is, granting exceptions, one of healthy and sober acknowledgment of the occurrence! It is the Man in the Street, whether jet pilot or postmistress, sea captain or miner, who has until today given the world about 70,000 sightings reports if not more, all put down in black and white! Almost all have courageously adapted themselves to the mere fact, or the circumstantial evidence. But now please note: for how many of them did this have any other consequence than perhaps to admit: "Oh yes, I believe in Saucers", "I am convinced", or "I saw one myself"? There, for them, the matter rests.

(2) The second stage of adaptation follows two urges. To many a people, of course, the UFOs don't mean a thing. Indeed, as a particular effect of their present stage of over-all unfoldment they do not accept the reality of the space ship arrival, they refuse, deny, debunk and ridicule the facts. Their resistance provides an outer urge to some of those who did experience a first adaptation, to enter upon closer investigation. It meets with an inner urge "to just find out more". Mind and soul want to know, know everything about UFOs, the causes, the truth. It is these people who do not retire after learning of the primary facts, but go on. They sacrifice time and money in their search. They travel, investigate, question people, read or write books and establish groups. At last, recognizing the political, technical, sociological and religious implications of the existence of beings in space, they insist that the facts be made known to all people in the world, from whom they are withheld by governments, be it through ignorance or by design and secret policy.

But again it is true that learning, education or other distinctions have little or no bearing

on which people will undergo this second stage of adaptation. The poor, warm-hearted farmer, a college teacher, a retired admiral may all find themselves united in the aim to help UFOs to an official confirmation and their public recognition. Indeed, if cabinets will one day officially admit their existence, Man in the Street will have compelled them to do so! Still, this is not all there is to it and the UFO-fact does not end with our just seeing various implications. Man is not satisfied with seeing! He wants to put into practice what he sees, change conditions for the better. Thus the question toward a last stage of adaptation is: Why are 'they' so advanced?!

(3) Actions have a motive. By asking what motives have brought the space people here, we can by logical deduction from their conduct find no other than such of high ethical standards - thus IN CONFORMITY WITH UNIVERSAL LAW, AND REASON FOR THEIR PRE-EMINENCE! Space races of certain lower levels of unfoldment may also be coming here to meet us. People now, who can recognize universal laws will feel the urge to adapt themselves to them, to apply them to their own actions, in short, to live by them! They draw their personal consequences from all these 'new' facts and this silent appeal going out from the mere arrival of space beings in ships under cyclic cosmical law. And once again, if we look at these people, we find no other distinction than a near-common and appropriate stage of inner development with - from the worldly angle - simple folks next to brilliantly educated and distinguished citizens!

So what then is the governing factor in this queer selection of such Citizens on this Planet into the third stage of adaptation? Well, if there is no outward distinction, it must be an inner agent. This, of course, is the universal Man within us! He is the factor and selector, our governor, guide, protector, mentor and shepherd, goading and prodding the outer man through these courses of life. He also, the invisible Man within us, is the one who already knows, who knows

all the cosmic answers and truths and reveals them to the outer personality's consciousness, in good time, though, and only upon proper and patient effort on the part of the outer man!

Now, this Inner Knower transcends amongst other things, also the intellectual characteristics of the outward personality - otherwise wisdom could not come to persons who have, by our standards, not had any intellectual schooling. For as we do know mere intellectual knowledge is no free pass to higher or even practical wisdom! Folklore does not usually learn its wisdom at universities; it picks it up from life itself. Life to the wiser and not the mere intellectual eye, however, is man's interrelationship with ALL things around him, near and far, within and without, dead or 'alive', terrestrial or cosmic. So that for a consciousness expanded already to this extent, the UFOs immediately acquire a special significance: to such a mind, be it man or woman, high or low, the UFOs are like torches throwing a sudden, an unexpected and a wonderful light on the cosmic relationship of man. And where the rocket enthusiasts, satellite spinners and space scientists only speculate on what man will encounter once he gets out there - to these expanded minds the UFOs present a stark truth indeed: that Man is long established in space and on other planets!

As observed, it may be ANY man 'in the street' who sees this light. Yet that which is lightened up, our cosmic relationship, must hold an equal value for ALL the Men in the Street, for EVERY Citizen on the Planet. And what can this be? Technical achievements? No, not all are equally attracted by them. Political configurations in space? Certainly not! Religious systems? Too many have long had enough of organised religion! Art in space? Holds appeal for only a few. So what then?

It can only be the simple truths of life which are understood by educated and uneducated alike! It can only be the same old virtues which have kept life going throughout God's universe for

countless aeons! It can be the very ideals only which have been held up by all the wise men who ever had a hand in the teaching and guidance of this planet's mankind!

Not a single citizen of this earth is at this moment in need of any kind of space rocket! But we all are very much in need of a peaceful life, free from fear & trouble, and with a wee bit of happiness & joy for everyone on this beautiful and wretched globe! Not a single citizen of this world is in immediate need of knowing something about the propulsion of other planets' space ships! The simplest among us however, will recognize friendship, beauty, truth and tolerance the moment he sees them expressed!! Even the poorest members of this star's mankind whom we suffer to languish under the most horrifying conditions imaginable, will yet be able to feel that in the direction of loving kindness and human consideration lies the genuine, nay, the ONLY! advancement of Man!

Thus it will become clear enough to everyone who cares to think so far, that it is the appearance of these space ships from outside earth which, rather more than rockets, pin-ups and hula-hoops lead us back to our True Selves.

The question for us is whether we want to be better men tomorrow than we have been this day! ~~Approach~~ Approach - November, 1958

A Point, a Theme and my Angle

Stop press news! An investigation in France: "Do Flying S. really exist?" Three professors commented. Of course, they did not REALLY go into it. Only just so, you know. At least according to UNESCO's Science Section director Auger who said "scientists have no time to waste for such phenomena".

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Good. Number one is out then! Astronautical wizzard professor Schatzmann asked: "I'd like to know WHAT witnesses have really seen them!" Ah come, monsieur!! Next to USA, France is one of the most frequented countries by UFOs! See Marc Thirouin, editor of 'Ouranos', leading European saucer magazine - if you have time to waste, that is. He will bring you 1,000's of witnesses! They will make your head feel go dizzy like a satellite!

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No. 2 out, too, and down with: satellitis!! So let's head for the Medical Dept. Of one of its VIPs we heard some three years ago when he excelled in tearing the UFOs down before an illustrious and very Parisian audience. According to prof. Georges Heuyer "collective hallucinations have existed throughout history". Quite. Especially in France, dear professor, with its famous Academy of Science.

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When at the turn of the 18th/

Space Ship Field News

This report comes from friend Mrs. Louie Wright, Durban, who was quite excited about their sighting! "We were fortunate in witnessing the arrival of a scout on the evening Nov 2. I felt, I just had to be at the sea so we went to Brighton Beach. Just imagine, on arriving we saw this beautiful luminous object racing in our direction from over the sea! It stopped suddenly in its course, and just as rapidly it receded, till only a pinpoint was visible. It appeared to be pulsating with 'living light'. We were hoping that it would return and then - it did! It came back again but not quite as near as it had been when it was nearest to us the first time."

Glowing amber, green & silver its apparant size was that of a fist, concludes Mrs. Wright.

19th century, all Paris flocked to watch 'supernatural' phenomena in a churchyard, this 'Ac' sat with closed eyes and ears! When confronted with meteorites it pronounced: nothing can fall from the sky! Upon seeing French prehistory's first find of fossilized bones, it cried: Man is not VERY much older than Bible says! And so on and on, ad nauseam. Now once again some brilliant minds see to it that this hallucinated world have its fun - and olala, don't we know how funny one can get in Paris! Yes.

Book Review

"UNDERSTANDING IS KNOWLEDGE LIVED"

GEORGE ADAMSKI: Telepathy, The Cosmic or Universal Language, Parts I - III. Cosmic Science, Palomar Terraces, 1958. (85/-, APPROACH's Book Order Service.)

GA's Course in Telepathy is refreshingly unscientific. His is not a procedure of set methods which perhaps yield only artificial fruit. It is rather like a leisurely walk through the forest of life where the fruits of truth grow in natural abundance. As he says himself when making his position clear: "...Those who believe that all problems must be solved either with pencil and paper, or by physical experiments, will find it difficult to accept the theory of a universal language... capable of revealing all existing knowledge..." In other words, once one has grown into the understanding and the use of this language truth on ever higher levels will reassert itself in such a manner that to try and 'prove' it were ridiculous. Truth just is while it is only our stepping ahead on the Ladder of Life which ensures that it will reveal itself to us. But the crux of the matter is that the Ladder of Life is the path of self-development. This, however, is an affair of character, morals, and the expansion of learning into wisdom. As is common experience, the so-called scientific approach does little to develop character and the inner man but much to envelop them in pet theories and prejudices.

GA is happily free of such approach. He thinks nothing of changing terms and appellations now and again if he feels it will help the reader better to understand what he wants to convey. One must first get used to this method. From then on one realises how much more profitable, healthier it is. It takes the student out of any laboratory or library atmosphere right into the

wide open world where, with examples and relating of his own experiences, G.A. drives home his points - successfully so. After all, life does not work with files but with conspicuous cases. And so to make us see how life all around us impresses itself upon us, through conscious realms from atoms to cell, from cells to form, from forms to universes, is the task he has set himself.

There is a key to this problem. As he puts it (II, 22): ".The key to opening the consciousness to commune with the Cosmos, is a thorough, impartial analysis and understanding of - mind..." Mind (and The Mind) is at the back of all cosmic impressions. All these thoughts are not new so that it depends on the respective author how he'll put them across. GA's way is not to try and dissect mind into a hundred parts. He divests the ego- and the sense-mind of their despotic significance they have with the average human and proves how impressible they are from within and without, so that the better "man understands the many phases of creation which are capable of influencing his mind - both from within the body and from space itself - the more comprehensive will be his understanding of the Cosmic Cause".

In his analysis he is careful to point out the booby-traps on the path, as for instance the Other World impressions of various order and the fallacies of 'interpretations' when dealing with cosmic impressions of what is usually called the occult world. This word, though, is not even of any import in the Course.

Thus the student is made to realise that he must seek first the expansion of his understanding and awareness before trying to "transfer his thoughts" into another one's mind. The acquiring of the language of telepathy goes, rightly, along with the unfolding of the over-all self opposite AND within the surrounding All. It is a communion of cosmic order and not only the communication between two minds.

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